

# St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.  
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-  
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.  
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to  
share God's blessings.*



January 21, 2024  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*  
David Cahoon, *Deacon*  
Rev. Msgr. John Macfarlane, *Weekend Asst.*  
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Faith Formation*  
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*  
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Denise Crawford, *Secretary, Notary*  
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*  
Joy McCartin, *Sodality*  
Tom McCartin, *Knights of Columbus*

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday:** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Mass:** Saturday @ 4 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am  
**First Friday:** Adoration 9:30 am - Noon  
**First Saturday:** 9:00 am with Devotions  
**Confession:** Saturday @ 3:15 pm  
**Baptism:** by appointment  
**Wedding:** by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact  
**Rel. Ed.:** September - May  
**School:** Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

## Calendar of Events

January 27	Confirmation Retreat in Church and Pavilion
February 4	Donuts & Youth Sunday / Catholic Services Appeal
February 10	First Penance & Luncheon / Super Bowl Subs
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 18	Sodality Tea Party
February 23	Lenten Dinner
March 1	Lenten Dinner
March 3	Donuts & Youth Sunday with Lenten & Easter Crafts



***Please Pray For.....*** James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Nancy Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Andrew & Nicholas Diaz, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Steve Drescher, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Larry Horton, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., Betty Kutts, John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Loveless, Diane Lynch, Betty MacDonald, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Jane Parsley, Bob & Donna Pavlick, Frank Pena, Gene Post, Lauren Prete, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Misty Runyon, Tom Schwanbeck, Teresa Silverman, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Rani Taylor, Colleen Thomas, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Rex & Trisha Tully, Vicki Tosques, Pam Verrity, Michael Zahn.

***Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...*** Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

## **Dear Parishioners,**

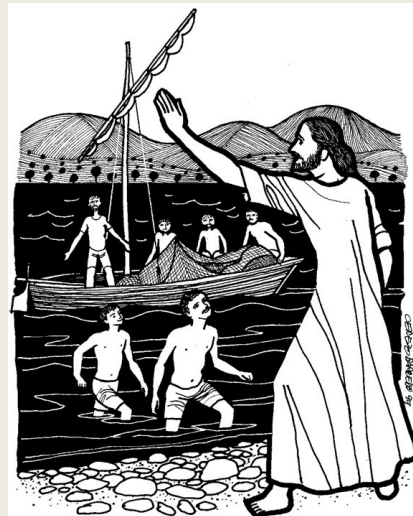
In today's Gospel Jesus calls several fishermen to come and follow Him. Saint Francis de Sales comments on their calling, and also ours, to follow Our Savior.

When Our Savior tells His apostles that He has chosen them, He makes no exception. Even Judas was called although he misused his freedom and rejected the means God gave him. We can be sure that when God calls someone to embrace Christianity, to be single or married, to be a religious, priest or bishop, God gives each person all the necessary help to attain sanctity in his or her vocation.

Yet, even after their conversion, some of the Apostles were subject to some imperfections, like Saint Peter who failed miserably by denying the Lord. Likewise, we see that it is impossible to overcome in a day all the bad habits acquired by caring poorly for our spiritual health. Nonetheless, Our Savior wants you to serve Him just as you are, both by prayer and by actions suited to your state and stage in life. Once you are convinced that you must serve God where you are, and go on doing what you are doing, have a tender affection for your state in life. Be of good heart; cultivate your vineyard with divine love.

As you set out on your daily tasks, place yourself in the hands of God, who desires to help you succeed in your affairs. Believe that God will do what is best for you, provided that, on your part, you employ gentle diligence. Do not be surprised if the fruits of your labor are slow to appear. If you do the work of God patiently, your labor will not be in vain. Our Lord, who makes houses for the snails and turtles, will lead you well; let Him do it. We must walk faithfully in the way of Our Lord and remain in peace, as much in the winter of sterility as in the autumn of fruitfulness. Walk joyously, then, in your vocation with confidence in Divine Providence.

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*



## WORSHIP



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

### Mass Intentions

- Sat.,20** 4 pm - Jean Wilson  
**Sun.,21** 8:30 am - Parishioners  
10:30 am - Mary Lillian Hewitt  
**Mon.,22** 9 am - Michael DuHonick  
**Tue., 23** 9 am - Lloyd & Eleanor Jones  
**Wed.,24** 9 am - George Bring  
**Thu.,25** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 26** 9 am - Christine DuHonick

**Tax Statements** for 2023 are available from the parish office. Please call or email us and we can email them to you.

**Join the Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network** Our state's General Assembly creates laws that affect us, our church, families, and vulnerable neighbors. The Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network keeps you informed and gives you a voice. You will receive action alerts on critical issues plus occasional email updates from the Maryland Catholic Conference: [mdcatholic.org/joincan](http://mdcatholic.org/joincan) or text MDCATHOLIC to 52886.

**Catholic Services Appeal** The turning of the calendar to February means the *Annual Catholic Services Appeal* is at hand. On behalf of Cardinal Gregory, thank you to all our families who made a contribution in 2023 to help the archdiocese reach its goal.

Now, I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. If you are not familiar with the Appeal, you may wonder how it is different and separate from your offertory giving to the parish. First, the Appeal unites us with our archbishop in serving the many charitable needs of the Church of Washington. Second, the Appeal funds ministries that our parish could not sustain on our own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs and Deaf and disabilities ministries. Third, the Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from schools and catechesis, to family and pro-life ministries, to many more in between.

The *Annual Catholic Services Appeal* is a call to stewardship. It is not mandatory. This means that the many vibrant ministries we have in the archdiocese are the result of families such as your own who have responded generously each year with your free will offering. I am particularly grateful, as a priest of the archdiocese, for your contribution which helps to inspire new vocations and form our new generations of priests.

I am also asked to remind you that, as in every year, 100% of your gift to the Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. You can read more about the *United in Purpose: 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal* at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

Fr. Kevin

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School** An open house will be held on Sunday, January 28 between 1 - 3 pm. Children and parents are welcome to join our classrooms, meet our talented faculty, and tour our beautiful campus. RSVP at [maryof-nazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/](http://maryof-nazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/) to attend open house or to schedule a tour. For additional information, please call 301-869-0940.

### February 10, 2024 Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

On February 10 at 10:00am Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. To register, please contact the parish office. Registration deadline to attend the Mass and/or to receive a certificate is January 27, 2024.

**Weather Policy** If Montgomery County schools close or delay then there is no morning Mass and our offices may close. If they are closed, then all activities for that day are cancelled. Our lots are not always plowed right away. We must wait on the kindness of our parishioners.



### Congratulations

to

Vera Rose Hanna

child of

Richard & Sophia

Baptized

on January 13, 2024